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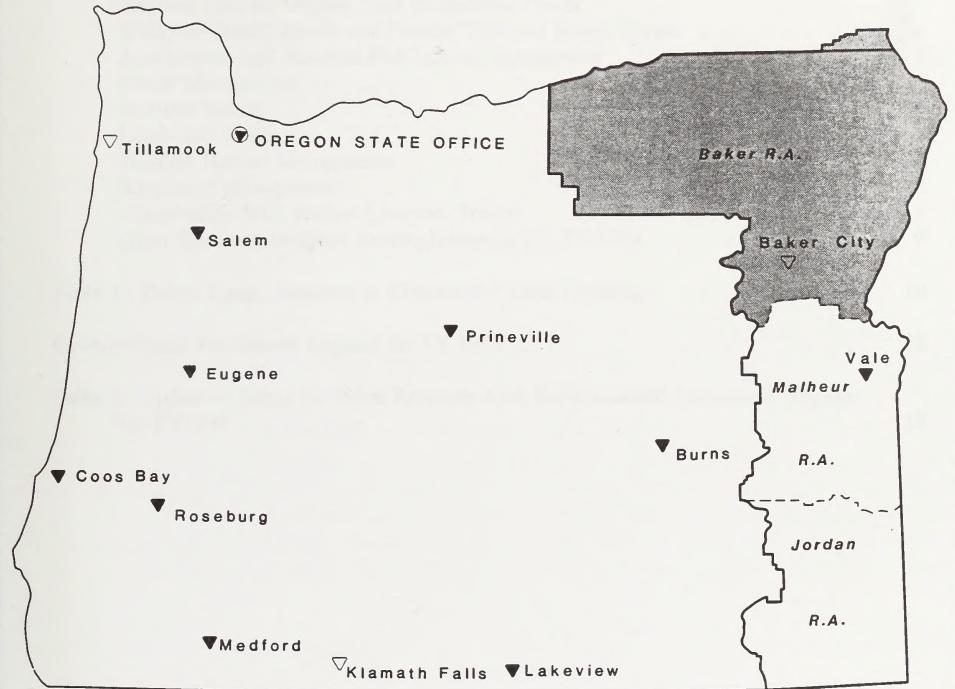
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## VALE DISTRICT

## GENERAL LOCATION MAP



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# ***BLM, Vale District***

## **Baker Resource Area**

### **Project and Planning Update**

**Summer, 1995**

#### **Introduction:**

This provides an update of planning and project information within the Baker Resource Area office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vale District. We hope that this information link will increase your awareness of BLM activities and your opportunities to discuss these activities with us.

Information provided in this bulletin is organized in three parts. The first part is an update of program and planning accomplishments in fiscal year 1994, and program status reports for fiscal year 1995. Highlighted programs are the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Anadromous and Resident Fish Habitat, Wildlife Habitat, Forest Management, Lands and Realty, Noxious Weeds, and Rangeland Management. This bulletin also explains some of the important ecosystem and heritage management programs in the Baker Resource Area.

The second part is an update on proposed projects previously described in the Winter, 1994 Bulletin. These were environmental assessments (EAs) that were expected to be completed in fiscal year 1995, or for which significant resource assessment work is currently being conducted in 1995 for which EAs will be completed in fiscal year 1996. Continuation of proposed projects into fiscal year 1996 is contingent upon priorities and funding availability.

The third part is a summary table of the Baker Resource Area Environmental Assessment Register for FY94, which was included in our April, 1994 planning update. The table indicates the status of the previously planned EAs.

#### **Understanding NEPA**

What is NEPA? NEPA is the National Environmental Policy Act. When we propose management actions that might affect the quality of the environment, the district uses an inter-disciplinary approach to develop alternative proposals, including the proposed action, and to provide environmental analysis of possible effects of the proposed actions. Another important aspect of NEPA is its requirement for public involvement in the planning process. After the alternatives are analyzed and public comments considered, decisions are made.

#### **Categorical Exclusions**

Under NEPA some proposed actions do not require EA's. These are called categorical exclusions (CE). These actions do not individually or cumulatively have significant environmental effects - and may be excluded from environmental analysis if they qualify under BLM or Department of the Interior guidelines.

#### **Environmental Assessments**

Some proposed actions require an Environmental Assessment (EA). These are actions that are not exempted as categorical exclusions, and are not covered under an existing environmental document (EA or EIS).

When the EA is completed it is determined whether the proposed action will significantly effect the quality of the environment. If impacts are determined to be significant, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared. If impacts are determined to be not significant, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared, and ultimately a record of decision (ROD) will be issued.

## **Environmental Impact Statements**

As was previously stated, major federal actions significantly affecting the environment require an EIS. An EIS will include the environmental impacts of the proposed action, adverse environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the proposed action is implemented, short-term uses in relation to long-term productivity of the environment, and irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources if the proposed action is implemented. These documents are broad in scope and do not address specifics.

## **Relationship to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project**

The BLM and U.S. Forest Service are currently formulating the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP) environmental impact statement. That EIS will not address site specific resource management activities, but rather assess landscape scale processes and long term ecological health issues. The ICBEMP analysis now underway was not intended to interrupt implementation of the existing approved 1989 Baker Resource Management Plan (RMP). Changes or amendments to the approved Baker RMP may or may not result from the ICBEMP analysis which is broad and regional in scope. Pending completion of the ICBEMP EIS, we expect to continue resource management activities with appropriate inter-governmental consultation and coordination; tiering to environmental analysis, and public notification and review.

## **How Can I be Involved?**

You can let us know your views and concerns as the proposed specific resource management actions are being developed and for comment on completed EAs and EISs during the formal comment periods. If you wish to influence the decision, you must be a part of the process, and the earlier in the process the better. The EAs listed in part two are for projects expected to be completed in fiscal year 1995, or for which resource assessments are underway. A notice is published in local newspapers when each EA is available for review by the public and a date when the comment period ends. If you are interested in receiving a copy of an EA or want to get involved in the NEPA process, please contact the Environmental Coordinator for the Baker Resource Area at the address/phone number listed below. If you are interested in project information please contact the designated project coordinator at the same address.

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# Program Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 1994 and Program Emphasis for Fiscal Year 1995.

## NATIONAL HISTORIC OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

### Program Accomplishments for FY 1994

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center continues to offer high quality visitor service and interpretive programming for a broad spectrum of the general public. There were more than 212,000 visitors to the Center during fiscal year 1994. The Center continues to coordinate project activities with the local community, the Trail Tender volunteer support group, and through cooperation with the Oregon Trail Preservation Trust. During the year, more than 12,000 hours of volunteer service was contributed in the areas of interpretation, visitor services, administration, curation and maintenance. In 1994 the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center received a Department of Interior Unit Award for Excellence of Service.

Maintenance of the physical plant was facilitated by construction of an additional storage area and major equipment acquisitions, such as a trail cart and road sander. The Center's entrance walkway was re-decked and preliminary work was initiated for a major exhibit rehabilitation project. Policy planning was completed in collections management, volunteer program management, safety and emergency operations, support group personnel policies and sales shop ethics. Planning began for completion of original site design projects that were funded for fiscal year 1995. Additional site design projects include paving a third parking lot, access road widening and paving, security system upgrade, acquisition of additional Oregon Trail artifacts, construction of a trail overlook ramada, and work on the Center's living history mine site.

Planning and production began on a special book and video that will feature the Center's resources and programs. Five special exhibits were displayed in the Flagstaff Gallery, illustrating historical themes explored in the center. One

popular exhibit, "Moving the Fire: The Removal of Indian Nations to Oklahoma", informed upon the impacts of removal of Native Americans from their traditional homelands.

More than 800 interpretive presentations were provided to visitors including character portrayals, living history dramas, lectures and period music offered in the Leo Adler theatre. Special programs and workshops addressed the history of African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asians in the American West. Interpretive walks focused on mining and native vegetation. At the outdoor wagon encampment, volunteers and staff depicted pioneer-era camp scenes. A living history credit-bearing internship program was initiated, with the Center hosting six students from nearby Eastern Oregon State College. Center staff and volunteers successfully planned and implemented the first annual "Taste of the Trail" pioneer festival.

### Program Emphasis for FY 1995

Program emphasis for fiscal year 1995 will continue to be the development of educational programs. Products now available to visitors include an interpretive center book completed in April and a 30 minute video completed in May. The video, "Towards a Distant Land", features interpretive center themes and scenes. The book, "National Historic Oregon Trail Center: The Story Behind the Scenery" portrays exhibits, living history people, and the Oregon Trail story. Special exhibits scheduled for 1995 include: "The Oregon Trail: A Photographic Portfolio" and "With the Nez Perce: Jane Gay, Her Majesty's Cook and Photographer." Living history will continue as the anchor of our interpretive efforts, including continuation of the student intern program. Center programs will be enhanced by scheduled special events, traveling exhibits, and educational product development through the Center sales shop. Operational goals are the completion of construction of original site design projects, exhibit rehabilitation, systems upkeep, road maintenance, collections management, interpretive

program policy development, and office automation. Portraying the history of land management during the BLM's 50th anniversary, and strengthening relationships with the Center's many partners are major opportunities for management.

## WALLOWA/GRAINDE RONDE AND POWDER WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

### Program Accomplishments for FY 1994

Management plans for the Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers and Powder River were completed in December, 1993, and April, 1994 respectively. The 1994 seasonal river program staff included three BLM and one Forest Service River Rangers. Accomplishments on the Wallowa/Grande Ronde rivers included patrol and monitoring of recreation and other uses, installation of sanitary facilities, swift water rescue workshop for state and federal interagency personnel, rescues of individuals in distress, removal of canoes from rocks, signing the location of the wild river segment, information contacts with an estimated 2700 floatboaters, and a public information trip with the Oregonian newspaper.

Resource management work on the Grande Ronde River included stream temperature measurements, monitoring grazing use in critical salmon habitat, noxious weed inventories, and removal of picnic tables and outhouses from the Wild section of the river. A plant believed extinct in the state of Washington was documented as present in the Grande Ronde river corridor. In 1994, the Clearwater I land exchange was completed to acquire 3848 acres into public land ownership, of which 3078 acres are on the east bank of the Wallowa River State Scenic Waterway (a federal Wild and Scenic study river) and in the Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River; and 770 acres on the Grande Ronde River upstream from Rondowa.

On the Powder River, monitoring use was conducted for protection of outstanding remarkable values.

### **Program Emphasis for FY 1995**

Emphasis in 1995 is placed upon completion of noxious weed inventories and ongoing weed control efforts on the Wallowa/Grande Ronde corridor; monitoring grazing and other uses for compatibility with critical salmon habitat; monitoring and patrol of recreation uses and critical cultural resources; and public information/education and search and rescue. An extended patrol season is underway to aid in the reduction of resource damage from recreational use that occurs in spring and fall use seasons. In the fall of 1995, an opportunity for public comment will be provided on proposed regulations for mandatory fire pans and pack-out systems. Facilities for waste disposal will also be proposed to implement these regulations.

Cooperative efforts for management of the Wallowa/Grande Ronde corridor with Forest Service, Oregon and Washington state wildlife agencies, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will continue; as well as cooperative management of the Heller Bar, Minam and Mud Creek launch sites. The cooperating agencies are seeking volunteer hosts for the Minam Launch station. Contact the Baker Resource Area if you are interested.

Inventories have been initiated on newly acquired lands to document resource values, potential recreation use areas, and other existing uses. Assessments of forest health conditions on the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers have begun; and land exchange proposals are underway to acquire lands in the Washington segment of the Grande Ronde River ACEC.

Management emphasis for 1995 on the Powder River includes monitoring for protection of outstandingly remarkable values, and exploring the possibility of road improvements and easement acquisitions at Thief Valley to improve public access to the corridor.

## **ANADROMOUS AND RESIDENT FISH HABITAT MANAGEMENT**

### **Program Accomplishments for FY 1994**

In 1992, the Snake River Chinook salmon and the sockeye salmon were federally listed as Threatened and Endangered, respectively by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the Endangered Species Act section 7(a)2. The BLM is required to comply with ESA on all discretionary actions on BLM administered land that could impact the above listed species. BLM has also adopted specific measures to protect important anadromous fish habitat by signing the PACFISH agreement on March 10, 1995.

After consultation with NMFS, monitoring and inventory commitments were initiated in 1994 for resource conditions in critical salmon habitat on the lower Grande Ronde and its major tributaries. Nine livestock exclosures were constructed in cooperation with lessees, to protect salmon habitat on poor condition sites adjacent to the Grande Ronde River. In 1994, biological evaluations (BEs) of chinook salmon habitat were completed for the Ladd/Shaw Forest Health project, Livestock Grazing, and the Clearwater Land Exchange. Through the exchange, lands were acquired in critical salmon habitat on the Grande Ronde River. Work progressed on Salmon Summit commitments in Union, Wallowa, and Asotin counties.

### **Program Emphasis for FY 1995**

Program emphasis in 1995 continues to focus on monitoring and inventory commitments for critical habitat on the lower Grande Ronde and its major tributaries. Two livestock exclosures were completed and one additional exclosure is scheduled. Sites were seeded with a mixture of forbs and grasses; and weed eradication has been initiated. The Grazing BE for 1995 has received concurrence from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and will not need to be reinitiated in future years unless changes in management occur. The Wallowa and Grande Ronde River Management Plan BE will be submitted to NMFS in fiscal year 1995, and the

Ladd/Shaw Forest Health BE will be revised. The Frazier BE will be amended to address new prescriptions for the project. Salmon Summit commitments for inventories in Union, Umatilla, and Morrow counties will be completed by December 1995. Resident fisheries habitat inventory and monitoring are scheduled for FY 1995 on Big Creek, Powder River and Burnt River.

## **FOREST MANAGEMENT**

### **Program Accomplishments for FY 1994**

In fiscal year 1994, emphasis of the Forest Management program was the Interdisciplinary (ID) planning of three forest health recovery projects. Work was completed on the Ladd Canyon/Shaw Mountain project; however, changed forest conditions in the project area have resulted in the need for a revised environmental assessment. Public scoping and interdisciplinary team field work was completed on 16 forested parcels for the East Face Forest Health project; and was initiated on the Cable Creek project. A proposed Freezeout Ridge project was canceled because there were no immediate forest health needs. Other 1994 accomplishments included tree planting 391 acres of the Sutton Creek Fire area, closing two timber trespass cases, and investigating eight additional trespass cases. Fuels mapping was completed on 1,228 acres.

Through land exchanges in 1994, 1867 acres of scattered BLM commercial forestland tracts in Union and Wallowa Counties were transferred into private ownership. In exchange, 2,092 acres of forested land was acquired in special management areas such as the Wallowa/Grande Ronde River corridor and South Fork Walla Walla ACEC.

### **Program Emphasis for FY 1995**

The 1995 program emphasis is to finalize the environmental assessments for Forest Health restoration proposals for the East Face and Ladd Canyon/Shaw Mountain projects. The environmental assessment for East Face is

Frazier Mountain project is on hold pending reassessment of prescriptions appropriate to changed forest health conditions and protection measures for watersheds containing anadromous fish habitat. Interdisciplinary team field work on the Cable Creek project will begin by the end of the fiscal year 1995.

The listing of spring and fall Snake River Chinook salmon has affected forestry practices in the Grande Ronde River basin. Forest health restoration proposals in that basin are subject to consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). All forest health restoration proposals will comply with PACFISH specific measures where appropriate. The condition of the forest stands within the Grande Ronde corridor will be assessed and treatment needs identified.

The health of forest stands within the scattered tracts of Union, Umatilla, and Morrow counties will be assessed. These tracts will also be considered for land exchange potential to block up public ownership in areas of high resource values in the John Day basin. Monitoring and investigation of timber trespass cases will continue in FY95.

## NOXIOUS WEEDS

### Program Accomplishments for FY 1994

In fiscal year 1994, inventory and control efforts focused upon several Baker County locations and the Grande Ronde River. In prior years, biological control efforts were implemented and are being monitored by cooperating agencies. Approximately 27 sites of leafy spurge were treated in Baker County, and a control plan for inventory and treatment was developed for the Durkee-Alder creek area in cooperation with other agencies. Treatment was completed on all knapweed sites in Baker County, with the exception of the Burnt River corridor; and on a knapweed site at Echo Meadows. Yellow starthistle sites, outside the Keating containment area, were treated.

Knapweed and thistles were pulled by river rangers at Sickfoot, Lightning Strike and between Minam and Mud Creek, and on the lower 15 miles of the Grande Ronde River. River rangers completed an inventory of 188 noxious weed sites along more than 66 miles of the river from Minam to Boggan's Oasis.

### Program Emphasis for FY 1995

The focus for noxious weeds in 1995 is primarily centered in control work. The top priority is work along the Grande Ronde River corridor, much of which is related to improving vegetation conditions in critical salmon habitat. The primary target species here are diffuse knapweed and yellow leafy spurge. Key target areas on the Grande Ronde are sites between Sickfoot Creek and the Snake River, many of which have been fenced and seeded to forestall weed re-encroachment after treatment. About 210 acres along the Grande Ronde River will be treated to meet commitments for improvement of conditions in salmon habitat.

The second emphasis area is on continuing control work on three species throughout the rest of the Baker Resource Area. The target weed species are diffuse knapweed, yellow leafy spurge, and yellow starthistle. Some trials of fall treatment for spurge have been successful in Baker County. Most of the areas to be treated are found in Keating, Durkee and Amelia areas of Baker County.

The third effort, also started in previous years, is a expansion of weed inventory work, primarily for leafy spurge. The inventory is being carried out by BLM personnel, in cooperation with Baker and Malheur counties, the US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Agriculture and private landowners. Baker Resource Area is also a partner in the Tri-County Weed Management Committee.

## LANDS AND REALTY

### Program Accomplishments for FY 1994

The Clearwater I Land Exchange was completed on August 5, 1994. The land exchange resulted in

the acquisition of approximately 4530 acres into public ownership on the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers, and lands on the South Fork of the Walla Walla River (refer to Table 1 on page 10 for location of acquired lands). About 5580 acres of public land, located on scattered tracts in eastern Union and Wallowa counties, were exchanged into private ownership. The acquired lands blocked up public ownership in Wild and Scenic Rivers and added 681 acres to the South Fork Walla Walla Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Significant values acquired included chinook salmon habitat, bald eagle habitat, river-related recreation, and cultural resources. Progress was made on the proposed Clearwater II land exchange and the Ralph Byrne exchange. Other accomplishments in 1994 include closure of landfills on public land at Richland, Halfway and Hermiston; and issuance of eight rights-of-way granted for road use, seismograph sites, communication sites, a pipeline, and powerline.

#### **Program Emphasis for FY 1995**

Program emphasis for fiscal year 1995 is upon completion of the proposed Clearwater II Land Exchange. This exchange involves about 1212 acres of BLM land to be exchanged for 916 acres of private land in Asotin and Garfield counties, Washington. The lands proposed for acquisition in the exchange are located in the Grande Ronde ACEC and include Grande Ronde River frontage and a portion of the Goosenecks National Natural Landmark. In addition, the environmental assessment for the Ralph Byrne land exchange is planned for completion. Work on the Clearwater I(b) transaction will continue, and the Minam-Big Canyon land exchange environmental assessment will be initiated. All land exchange proposals are conducted on a willing-owner basis.

In 1995, resource assessments have been initiated for a proposed Clearwater III land exchange. This exchange would involve scattered tract BLM lands in Morrow, Umatilla, and western Union counties. The exchange would be a joint effort involving land in the Prineville BLM District. The specific parcels to be exchanged have not yet been

identified. Botanical inventories have begun on some parcels; inventories are needed for threatened and endangered species, anadromous fish, forestland, wildlife and cultural resources. Some of the scattered BLM tracts in the three counties have been excluded from possible exchange based upon known resource values. Areas with high resource values for potential acquisition into public ownership need to be identified. Some potential areas are the North Fork John Day River basin and South Fork Walla Walla River. Time frames for assessment of the exchange proposal have not been specified but a two year process is likely.

## **WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT**

#### **Program Accomplishments for FY 1994**

For fiscal year 1994, program accomplishments included coordination and cooperation in a supplemental bighorn sheep transplant on Fox Creek along the Snake River. In addition, a supplemental Columbian sharp-tailed grouse transplant was completed in Wallowa County as part of a challenge cost share project to re-establish native wildlife species with U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon State University. New BLM/ODFW cooperative agreements were prepared for wildlife management areas on Wenaha, Bridge Creek, and Power City. Wildlife assessments were completed for forest health proposals.

Habitat was improved on crucial deer winter range by planting 6000 shrubs in the Crystal Palace Coordinated Resource Management Plan area south of Sparta in Baker County. A biological evaluation was completed, and received concurrence from US Fish and Wildlife Service, for the Clearwater I land exchange affecting bald eagle wintering areas. The Clearwater I land exchange acquired lands with a bald eagle winter roost on the Wallowa River. Ferruginous hawk nest inventories were performed in the Virtue Flat area. Experimental shrub plantings were monitored for re-establishing palatable shrubs for

deer in Durkee and Powder River areas.

The BLM was a partner with the Blue Mountain Natural Resources Institute, US Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Boise Cascade, Malheur Timber Company, Nature Conservancy, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla in preparing and presenting two workshops for private landowners, interested publics, and agencies on practical approaches to managing landscapes and ecosystems. The workshops were held in La Grande and John Day and were attended by more than 130 participants.

#### **Program Emphasis for FY 1995**

In fiscal year 1995, the program continues to emphasize implementing ecosystem and interdisciplinary team approaches to resource management. Aerial photograph interpretation was provided for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. Inventories and assessments have been completed for the proposed Clearwater II land exchange in Asotin and Garfield counties, Washington. Resource assessments have been initiated for a proposed Clearwater III land exchange. An interdisciplinary team has commenced field inventories for wildlife and multiple resource values on scattered tracts in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties. The team will assess and identify opportunities to block up public ownership by acquisition of lands with high resource values. Acquired lands would provide enhanced opportunities for effective wildlife habitat management and recreation.

Interdisciplinary fieldwork is ongoing for coordinated activity planning on BLM lands in the lower Grande Ronde River area. Management actions for wildlife and fish, forest health, recreation and cultural resources are being considered to protect remarkable values on Joseph Creek and newly acquired lands on the Wallowa River in Oregon, and Grande Ronde River in Washington. Wildlife assessments will be completed for allotment management evaluations for Pritchard Creek, Powder River, Balm Creek, Big Creek, Iron Mountain, Durkee. Monitoring for sage grouse leks; riparian planting and

cottonwood propagation for riparian improvements are ongoing.

## **RANGELAND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Program Accomplishments for FY 1994**

Four rangeland allotments were evaluated in fiscal year 1994. New monitoring studies were established in five allotments and monitoring data was collected in 108 allotments. Completed construction projects included three miles of new pipeline construction, one new well drilled and 1/2 miles of new fence built.

#### **Program Emphasis for FY 1995**

Primary emphasis for fiscal year 1995 will continue to be range use supervision, normal grazing administration, and completion of environmental assessments for proposed rangeland improvement projects. Emphasis has been placed on monitoring livestock grazing and vegetation condition on BLM lands located in critical salmon habitat. Formal allotment evaluations for Iron Mountain and Durkee are planned for completion by end of FY 1995. Interdisciplinary field data for use in evaluating four allotments will be collected by the end of the fiscal year. The four allotments include Pritchard Creek, Balm Creek, Big Creek, and Powder River Canyon. Data will be collected for ecological site inventory condition ratings for Big Creek and the Powder River allotments.

## CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

The Baker Resource Area has committed to a concerted effort to consult with Native American Tribes in the region. Seven coordination meetings have occurred and more are planned. Issues discussed are forest health, land exchanges, Grande Ronde management, Salmon Core, wildlife habitat and cultural resources. The Baker Resource Area is committed to ongoing, open government-to-government consultation on resource and ecosystem health issues and looks forward to working with the tribes in the future.

## OTHER RESOURCE PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 1994

In addition to accomplishments previously described, other resource program accomplishments and customer service actions for fiscal year 1994 also included the following:

- 35 mining notices of intent processed;
- 269 mining operation compliance inspections completed;
- One free use permit for gravel quarry authorized to Baker County;
- 10 cultural resource sites monitored, 2 sites stabilized and 1 enhanced;
- 1 paleontological fieldwork authorization issued,
- 7663 acres of land inventoried for cultural resources;
- 1077 museum property and archaeological objects cataloged;
- 12 miles of Hankin Reeves stream surveys;
- Water quality monitoring on 5 streams;
- Riparian inventory and studies on eight land areas;
- 34 recreation use permits issued for winter events, off-highway vehicle events, and outfitter permits;
- 23 recreation sites maintained;
- 224 primitive campsites and 4 staging areas maintained on the Wallowa/Grande Ronde
- 2 staging areas maintained on the Powder River;

- 27 surveillance patrols completed for three Wilderness Study Areas.
- Provided required All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) certification training for 57 personnel from BLM, Forest Service, and State agencies;
- Grazing authorizations were processed for 254 permittees and lessees on 359 allotments;
- Use supervision on about 200 allotments and formal monitoring conducted on 108 allotments;
- Eight rights of way issued;
- Fuels mapping on 1,228 acres of forest land;
- Reforestation stocking surveys on 1,480 acres;
- 16 firewood permits for 79 cords were issued; and
- 391 acres of reforestation planting on the Sutton Creek wildfire.

Public awareness outreach programs in the Baker Resource Area included educational programs on archaeology, wildlife habitat, geology and paleontology for Baker County elementary school students. A program on northeast Oregon prehistory was provided to an Elderhostel class, and Oregon Trail and education programs were presented to the Pacific Northwest Conference on Forging Preservation Partnerships. The BLM was a cooperating partner in an interagency industry development of a Natural Resources mastery curriculum for high school students.

Approximately 1,207 volunteer hours were contributed for recreation; Wild and Scenic Rivers; and the cultural resources management programs.

**Table 1: Public Lands Acquired in Clearwater I Land Exchange**

Parcel Description	Legal Description
<b>-WALLOWA COUNTY-</b>	
<b>Parcel No. W01-O</b> 594.62 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 14, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 23, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , less tax lot 1601.
<b>Parcel No. W02-O</b> 633.79 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 23, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 26, those portions of W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ lying east of the Wallowa River, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 35, those portions of W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying east of the Wallowa River, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ . T. 2N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 2, lot 4.
<b>Parcel No. W03-O</b> 141.60 acres	T. 2N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that portion of E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north and east of the Wallowa River.
<b>Parcel No. W04-O</b> 40.00 acres	T. 2N., R. 41E., W.M. sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. W05-O</b> 442.56 acres	T. 2N., R. 41E., W.M. sec. 17, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 18, lot 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that portion of lot 3 lying south of the Wallowa River; sec. 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , that portion of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north and east of the Wallowa River; sec. 20, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. W06-O</b> 29 acres	T. 2N., R. 41E., W.M. sec. 29, that portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of the north boundary of the PP&L R-O-W.
<b>Parcel No. W07-O</b> 40.00 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. W08-O</b> 40.00 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 14, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. W09-O</b> 80.00 acres	T. 6N., R. 43E., W.M. sec. 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. W10-O</b> 120.00 acres	T. 6N., R. 43E., W.M. sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Parcel Description	Legal Description
<b>Parcel No. W11-O</b> 120.00 acres	T. 6N., R. 43E., W.M. sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 35, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. W12-O</b> 441.34 acres	T. 6N., R. 44E., W.M. sec. 17, lots 3, 5, & 6; sec. 18, lots 1, 2, 7 & 8, those portions of lots 3, 5 & 6 lying east of the Grande Ronde River; sec. 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>-UNION COUNTY-</b>	
<b>Parcel No. Un01-O</b> 158.20 acres	T. 2N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 2, lots 1, 2 & 3, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .
<b>Parcel No. Un02-O</b> 110.00 acres	T. 2N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 13, that portion of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying east of the Wallowa River.
<b>Parcel No. Un03-O</b> 774.00 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 20, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that portion of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north of the Grande Ronde River; sec. 21, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , that portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ lying north of the Grande Ronde River; sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , that portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north of the Grande Ronde River.
<b>Parcel No. Un04-O</b> 42.70 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 29, Tax Lot #300
<b>Parcel No. Un05-O</b> 114.00 acres	T. 3N., R. 40E., W.M. sec. 31, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , that portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north of the Grande Ronde River, that portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying west of the Grande Ronde River; sec. 32, that portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north of the Grande Ronde River.
<b>-UMATILLA COUNTY-</b>	
<b>Parcel No. Um01-O</b> 681.54 acres	T. 4N., R. 37E., W.M. sec. 11, lot 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 12, lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sec. 13, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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### Snake River Quarry

**Contact:** Ralph Kuhns, Geologist

**Location:** T. 10S., R. 46E., Sec. 8 South of Richland, Oregon

Process free use application and permit submitted by Baker County for basalt from an existing quarry. EA target date is Summer of 1995.

### Rogersburg Material Site

**Contact:** Ralph Kuhns, Geologist

**Location:** Rogersburg, Washington; T. 7N., R. 46E., Sec. 13

Process free use application and permit submitted by Asotin County for sand and gravel from an existing pit. The project is located in the Grande Ronde Area of Critical Environmental Concern. EA target date is Summer, 1995.

### Balm Creek ACEC - RNA Fence

**Contact:** Claude Treanor, Range Technician

**Location:** Balm Creek RNA in Balm Creek Allotment #2037; T. 7 & 8S., R. 43E., Secs., 6, 31, 32.

Approximately 2 miles of fence will be constructed, completing an enclosure around the designated area. EA completed February, 1995.

### Big Rattlesnake Spring Development

**Contact:** Claude Treanor, Range Technician

**Location:** Big Creek Allotment #2012; T.7S., R. 41E., Sec. 16: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

The objectives are to provide a more dependable and clean water supply for livestock and wildlife; to improve livestock distribution; and to reduce trampling of the water source area. The source and overflow areas may be fenced at a later date. Proposal canceled.

### Widman Pipeline Construction

**Contact:** Claude Treanor, Range Technician

**Location:** T. 9S., R. 42E., Sec. 22

A buried pipeline will transport overflow water from an existing developed spring in the Rohner pasture to a stock tank in the Ritter Creek

allotment. Estimated length of pipeline is three-fourths mile. EA completed June, 1995.

### East Face Forest Health Restoration Project

**Contact:** Dick Watson, Forester

**Location:** Scattered BLM tracts West of Baker City along the East Face of the Elkhorn Mountains

This project is examining the health of forest ecosystems on 16 BLM tracts. Management activities would be conducted in areas where the health of forest ecosystems would be improved. The types of treatments being considered include thinning forest stands, salvage logging of dead and dying trees, re-introduction of fire in forest stands, improving riparian areas, and closing roads where possible. EA available for public comment June, 1995. EA target completion date is July, 1995.

### Hunt Mountain Forest Health Restoration Project

**Contact:** Dick Watson, Forester

**Location:** T. 8S., R. 38E., Sec. 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28

A variety of forest stands in the Hunt Mountain area will be examined and treatment recommendations made to improve the health of the forest ecosystems. Most of the BLM ownership is unroaded and has had no previous treatment, Hunt Mountain is a dominant visual feature from the Baker Valley. Proposal on hold until FY 1996.

### Cable Creek Forest Health Restoration Project

**Contact:** Jonne Hover, Team Lead

**Location:** T. 5S., R. 33E., Sec. 30, 31  
T. 6S., R. 33E., Sec. 3 - 6

This project will assess the health of forest ecosystems within the block of BLM ownership in the Cable Creek drainage, and recommend treatment to improve the health of these stands. This project is in an anadromous fish watershed, with native steelhead using streams within the area. Field work in 1995, EA target date is spring, FY 1996.

**Tinker Trail Spring**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Sisley Creek Allotment; T. 12S., R. 44E., Sec. 27

A standard spring development in the Sisley Creek Allotment to improve livestock distribution by providing a reliable water source up and out of the Jordan Creek canyon bottom and riparian areas. EA target date is September, 1995.

**Beaver Creek Riparian Improvement Project**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Bowman Flat, Table Mtn. Area

The proposed project would be to fence across two water gaps between existing exclosures and piping water to livestock troughs outside the new exclosures. This proposal would provide stock water and alleviate the heavy use occurring to the present water gap areas on Beaver Creek. Proposal on hold.

**Beaver Creek Riparian Pasture Fence**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Table Mtn. Allotment #1016; T. 13S., R. 43E., portions of Sec. 23, 26, 35.

The proposal is to construct 2 miles of fence on the west rim of Table Rock, above the Beaver Creek drainage. This project would be contingent on completion of the Table Rock Pipeline Extension; as additional stock water would be needed on Table Rock before fencing in the Beaver Creek area as a separate pasture. EA target date is September, 1995.

**Table Rock Pipeline Extension**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Table Mtn. Allotment #1016, T. 13S., R. 43E., Secs. 23 & 26

The proposal is to extend an existing pipeline from the Table Mtn. Well further into the west pasture. A storage tank would also be installed. This project would greatly improve livestock distribution. It would also allow the Bureau to

fence off the Beaver Creek portion of this pasture as a separate riparian pasture. This would then allow better management of Beaver Creek for riparian improvement. EA target date September, 1995.

**Woods Gulch Watershed Juniper Thinning Project**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist; Matt Kriesel, Wildlife Biologist

**Location:** Northwest of Durkee, Oregon

This project involves selectively thinning younger juniper in the project area but leaving older trees for wildlife and diversity. There would be no clear cutting or use of equipment other than chainsaws and hand tools. Juniper density is noticeably increasing in the project area, primarily due to a lack of fire. Fence posts would be made from the cut junipers for use on BLM projects. Field work in 1995, EA target date in FY 1996.

**Chicken Creek Spring #2**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** West of Huntington, Oregon; T. 14S., R. 44E., Sec. 2

Standard spring development to improve livestock distribution and lessen the impacts on the riparian area on Chicken Creek. EA target date is September, 1995.

**Rye Grass Spring**

**Contact:** Mike Woods, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** North of Durkee, Oregon; T. 10S., R. 43E. Sec. 33

A standard spring development in the Iron Mountain Allotment to improve livestock distribution in the West Pasture, which is poorly watered. An additional water source will alleviate impacts to Pritchard Creek and Iron Gulch riparian zones. EA target date is September, 1995.

### Seep Spring

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Dry Gulch Allotment: East Pasture, T. 8S. R. 45E. Sec. 32 NE/SE.

Both the spring and the riparian area would be fenced off to exclude grazing and allow the riparian vegetation to maintain or increase. The development of this spring would provide a permanent and more reliable source of water and livestock distribution in the East pasture of the Dry Gulch Allotment #3029 during the grazing season. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is September, 1995.

### Hyall & Dry Gulch Reservoirs

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Dry Gulch Allotment: West Pasture, T. 9S. R. 45E. Sec. 5 SW/NW, T. 8S. R. 45E., Sec. 32 NW/NE.

Two reservoirs are needed to provide a more reliable source of water in the West pasture of the Dry Gulch Allotment #3029 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoirs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible, and would reduce livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is September, 1995.

### Ferry Canyon Reservoir #1 & #2

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment, Cave Pasture, T. 9S. R. 47E. Sec. 9 NE/NE, Sec. 10 NE/SW.

Two reservoirs are needed to provide a more reliable source of water in the Cave pasture of the Pine Valley Allotment #3001 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoirs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage

production more accessible, and would reduce livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is September, 1995.

### Badger Reservoir

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment: Timber Canyon Pasture, T. 9S. R. 46E. Sec. 24 NW/NW.

One reservoir is needed to provide both a more reliable source of water and livestock distribution in the Timber Canyon pasture of the Pine Valley Allotment #3001 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoirs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible, and would enhance riparian vegetation and the potential for the expansion of the riparian zones. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is winter, FY 1996.

### Summit Cr., Immigrant Gulch, Bear Gulch #1 & #2, China Springs, Foster Gulch #1, #2, #3 & #4 Reservoirs

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Immigrant Gulch Allotment: Bear Pasture, T. 8S. R. 45E. Sec. 25 SE/NW, Sec 30 SW/SW, Sec. 31 SW/NW. Summit Pasture, T. 8S. R. 46E. Sec. 26 SW/NE, Sec. 27 SE/NE. Foster Pasture, T. 8S. R. 46E. Sec. 5 SE/SW, Sec. 8 SW/NW, Sec. 8 NW/SE, Sec. 17 NE/NW.

Nine reservoirs are needed to provide a more reliable source of water in the Bear Gulch, Foster Gulch, Immigrant Gulch and Summit pastures of the Immigrant Gulch Allotment #3002 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoirs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible, and would reduce

livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **East, Middle Long Hollow Reservoirs**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Ruth Gulch Allotment: County Road Pasture, T. 10S. R. 46E. Sec. 4 SW/SW, Sec. 8 SE/NE.

Two reservoirs are needed to provide a more reliable source of water in the County Road pasture of the Ruth Gulch Allotment #3003 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoirs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible, and would reduce livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is winter FY 1996.

#### **Squaw Cr. Reservoirs #1,#2, #3 & #4**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Squaw Creek Allotment: Squaw Creek Pasture, T. 10S. R. 45E. Sec. 12 NE/SE, Sec. 14 NW/SE, Sec. 13 SE/NW, Sec. 23 NE/NE.

The development of these reservoirs is needed to provide both a more reliable source of water and livestock distribution in the Squaw Creek pasture of the Squaw Creek Allotment #3012 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoir would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible, and would reduce livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Barnard Cr. Reservoirs #1 & #2**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Barnard Creek Allotment: North

Pasture, T. 8S. R. 45E. Sec. 27 SE/NW, Sec. 28 NW/SE.

Two reservoirs are needed to provide a more reliable source of water in the North pasture of the Barnard Creek Allotment #3049 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the reservoirs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible, and would reduce livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is winter FY 1996.

#### **Barnard Cr. Temporary Electric Fence**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Barnard Creek Allotment: North Pasture, T. 8S. R. 45E. Sec. 28 North ½ & West ½.

Two miles of temporary electric fence is needed for two weeks to improve livestock distribution in the North pasture of the Barnard Creek Allotment #3049 during the grazing season. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Cherry #2, Myers Gulch, Boundary, Martin And Corner Springs**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist  
**Location:** Squaw Creek Allotment: T. 10S. R. 45E. Sec. 2 NW/SE, Sec. 10 NE/NE, Sec. 12 NW/NE, SW/SW, Sec. 24 NW/NE.

The development of these springs would provide a permanent and more reliable source of water and livestock distribution in the Squaw Creek Allotment #3012 during the grazing season. The additional water provided by the springs would improve livestock distribution and improve the grazing patterns in the upland parts of the pasture by making the existing forage production more accessible. The proposed springs would reduce livestock's dependency on the riparian areas for water. This project would provide a reliable water source for livestock and wildlife. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Four Mile Cross Fence**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment: Top Pasture, T. 8S. R. 47E. Sec. 17 South ½ /NE.

Cross fence would allow better management control of livestock distribution in the Top pasture of the Pine Valley Allotment #3001 during the grazing season. The fence would allow the adjacent landowner to have better control of his livestock operation on his private and public ground. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Cave Pasture Drift Fence**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment: Cave Pasture, T. 9S. R. 47E. Sec. 9 SW/SE.

Drift fence to meet management objectives for the allotment. The fence would allow better management control of livestock distribution and would allow permittees using the allotment to keep livestock separated during the grazing season. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Top Pasture Cross Fence**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment: Top Pasture, T. 8S. R. 47E. Sec. 28 West ½.

Cross fence to meet management objectives for the allotment. The fence would allow better management control of livestock distribution, would provide grazing deferment in the west end of the pasture, and would give the residual perennial plant community a chance to improve its health and vigor. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Sag Pasture Reservoir**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment: Sag Pasture, T. 9S. R. 46E. Sec. 11 NE/NE.

The reservoir would provide a more reliable source of water and would improve the livestock distribution and grazing patterns, to better meet

the land use objectives for the allotment. EA target date is winter FY 1996.

#### **Deer & Fourmile Reservoirs**

**Contact:** Gary Guymon, Rangeland Management Specialist

**Location:** Pine Valley Allotment: Top Pasture, T. 8S. R. 47E., Sec. 28 NE/SE, Sec. 22 SW/SE.

The reservoirs would provide a more reliable source of water and would improve the livestock distribution and grazing patterns, to better meet the land use objectives for the allotment. EA target date is September, 1995.

#### **Clearwater I(b) Land Exchange**

**Contact:** Steve Davidson, Realty Specialist

**Location:** Wallowa River between Minam and Rondowa; Grande Ronde and Wenaha Rivers and Courtney Creek near Troy.

This is a continuation of the Wallowa and eastern Union County exchange in Oregon. The exchange as described in the Clearwater I Environmental Assessment (March 1994) has been completed. To balance the values involved in the exchange, additional private land must be conveyed to the United States. These lands have not been specifically identified, but they will be lands along the Wallowa, Grande Ronde, Wenaha Rivers, and Joseph Creek. Lands would be acquired in Wild and Scenic Rivers, adjacent tributaries and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. EA target date is late in FY 1996.

### **Clearwater II Land Exchange**

**Contact:** Steve Davidson, Realty Specialist  
**Location:** Garfield and Asotin Counties, Washington

This is an exchange of BLM administered lands in Washington State (Garfield and Asotin Counties) for private land in Washington State. At present, 14 BLM isolated parcels (lying some distance away from the Grande Ronde River) are being considered for exchange (these are identified on the Clearwater Land Exchange map). The private land offered in exchange is a large block of land including river frontage located at Horseshoe Bend on the Grande Ronde River (near the OR/WA state line) and a parcel 2 miles up river from Boggan's Oasis. To bring the exchange values into balance, additional private land may be offered, or BLM parcels may be dropped from the exchange. The 14 BLM parcels include forestlands (4 parcels) and steep topography rangelands. EA available for public comment June, 1995. EA target completion date is July, 1995.

### **Minam-Big Canyon Land Exchange**

**Contact:** Steve Davidson, Realty Specialist  
**Location:** Minam River, Deer Creek, Wenaha River; T. 1N., R. 41E., Sec. 19; T. 1N., R. 42E., Sec. 31

As a continuation of the Wallowa and eastern Union Counties land exchange effort, the proposal is to exchange out of BLM isolated tracts in the Minam and Big Canyon watersheds, and to acquire lands on the Wenaha River. The exchange involves lands in critical salmon habitat. EA target date is early in fiscal year 1996.

### **City of Unity Transfer Station**

**Contact:** Jonne Hower, Team Lead  
**Location:** T. 13S., R. 37E., sec. 15; approximately 1½ miles east of Unity, Oregon

Proposed conveyance of 2.5 acres of land to City of Unity, under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, for purpose of siting a solid waste transfer station. EA completed June, 1995.

### **Ralph Byrne Land Exchange**

**Contact:** Steve Davidson, Realty Specialist  
**Location:** T. 8S., R. 43E., T. 9S., R. 42, 43E., approximately 15-20 miles east of Baker City, Oregon.

Exchange of 393.04 acres public land for 436.52 acres private. Objectives are to acquire important wildlife habitat, riparian, wetland and water related resources, and to consolidate land patterns of both private and public lands. EA target date is September, 1995.

### **BSU Lime Hill Seismograph**

**Contact:** Steve Davidson  
**Location:** T. 13S., R. 45E., sec. 18

Right-of-way to authorize a small seismograph station for monitoring seismic activity in the Hells Canyon area. EA target date is August, 1995.

**Table 2: Update of Status for Baker Resource Area Environmental Assessment Register for FY1994**

Area Register Number Status	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	EA Status as of 1995
01	Leonard LUP	Agriculture Permit	T.5N., R.28E., Sec. 32 Umatilla Co.	None	On hold
02	Mud Creek Road	Road right-of-way	T.5N., R.43S. Sec. 20 Wallowa Co.	Grande Ronde ACEC, Wild & Scenic	On hold
03	Meacham Road/ Smithgate Road	Road jurisdiction transfer	T.1N., R.35E., Sec. 13, 14, 23 Umatilla Co.	None	Categorical Exclusion
04	Clearwater I/ Grande Ronde Land Exchange (OR 48500)	Land Exchange	Wallowa Co. Union Co. Umatilla Co.	Wild & Scenic, ACEC	Completed April, 1994
05	Freezeout Ridge	Forest Health Project	T. 4S., R. 28E., Sec. 1 T. 4S., R. 29E., Sec. 6	None	Canceled
06	Ladd Canyon/Shaw Mountain	Forest Health Project Timber Salvage, Thinning, Slash Piling, Prescribed Burning, Reforestation	T.5S., R.38E., Sec.2, 3, 10, 11, 12,1 4, & 15 Union Co.	None	Target September, 1995
07	East Face Forest Health Project	Timber Salvage, Slash Piling, Prescribed Burning, Thinning, Reforestation	T.7S., R.38E., Sec. 8, 30, 31 T.8S., R.38E.	Bald Eagle Winter Roost	Target July, 1995
08	Powder River	Management Plan	Baker Co.	Wild & Scenic River/ ACEC	Completed April, 1994
09	Davis Road	Construct Access Road	T.8S., R.42E., Sec. 15 Baker Co.	None	On hold
10	Jacobs Lease	Agriculture Lease	T.8S., R.42E., Sec. 24; T.8S., R.43E., Sec. 7, 18, 19 Baker Co.	None	On hold
11	Dead Cow Butte Quarry	Authorize free use permit for mineral material to Baker County from existing quarry	T.8S., R.47E., Sec. 19 Baker Co.	None	Completed October, 1994
12	Byrnc Land Exchange	Private Land Exchange	T.8S., R.42E., Sec. 34 & 35; T.9S., R.42E., Sec. 1, 12, 24; T.9S., R.44E., Sec. 4, 5, 9, 15 Baker Co.	None	Target September, 1995
13	Elk Creek Prescribed Burn	Fuel Reduction	T.9S., R.39E., Sec. 35	See East Face	Included in East Face EA

Area Register Number Status	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	EA Status as of 1995
14	Elk Creek Juniper Thinning	Juniper Thinning	T.10S., R.39E., Sec. 1 & 2	None	On hold
15	Tallman's Proposal	Construct Pipeline	T.9S., R.41E., Sec. 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36 T.10S., R.41E., Sec. 1, 2, 4 Baker Co.	Oregon Trail ACEC	Completed January, 1994
16	White Swan Pipeline	Construct Pipeline	T.9S., R.41E., Sec. 25, 26, 35, 36 Baker Co.	Oregon Trail ACEC	Completed January, 1994
14	Hutton Reservoir	Reservoir Maintenance	T.9S., R.42E., Sec. 33	None	Completed January, 1994
18	Snake River Quarry	Authorize free use permit for mineral material to Baker County from existing quarry	T.10S., R.46E., Sec. 8	None	Target Summer 1995
16	M.C.J. Prescribed Burn	Juniper Reduction - Prescribed Burn	T.12S., R.44E., Sec. 12, Baker Co.	None	On hold
20	Bacon Power Line	Electric distribution line right-of-way	T.12S., R.45E., Sec. 11 Baker Co.	None	Completed Categorical Exclusion
21	Road Gulch Fence	Fence	T. 12S., R. 43E., Sec. 32, 33	None	Completed October, 1993
22	BSU Lime Hill Seismograph Station	Seismograph Telemetry Station	T.13S., R.45E. Sec. 18 Baker Co.	None	Target August 1995
23	Snake River Three Reservoir Management Plan	Finalize Plan	Baker Co.	Sheep Mtn. & Homestead ACEC's	On hold
24	Frazier Mountain Forest Health Project	Timber Salvage	T.5S., R.41E., Sec. 30, 32, 35 T.6S., R.41E., Sec. 5 Union Co.	None	On hold





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